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without the use of its eyes longer than any other known vertebrate." "More than this, *T. rosæ* is probably the oldest resident in the region it inhabits."

The remaining genus of blind-fish, Amblyopsis, has ventral fins, and must therefore have had a distinct ancestry, as in the three other genera ventral fins are absent. All this points to an earlier time when the Amblyopsidæ were represented in the lowlands of the South by at least three distinct-eyed genera, but one of which, Chologaster, is now extant. Eigenmann regards Troglichthys as "in many ways the most interesting member of the North American fauna."

D. S. J.

Trout of the Olympic Mountains. — Some three years ago Rear-Admiral L. A. Beardslee brought from Crescent Lake, in the Olympic Mountains, two new forms or species, or subspecies, of trout, called by Dr. Jordan *Salmo crescentis* and *Salmo beardsleei.*

These forms are products of isolation and land-locking, the probable ancestor of both being the Steelhead trout, *Salmo gairdneri.* Lately Dr. Daniel G. Elliot, of the Field Columbian Museum, has made an extensive survey of these and other lakes in the same mountains. Other land-locked forms, also differentiated by isolation, are found, and these have been described in detail by Dr. Seth E. Meek in the publications of the Field Columbian Museum.

Dr. Meek recognizes *Salmo bathoiceter*, the long-headed trout from Lake Crescent; *Salmo clarki jordani*, the spotted trout of Lake Southerland; and *Salmo clarki declivifrons*, the salmon trout of Lake Southerland.

The question of the ultimate rank as species, subspecies, etc., of our western trout is one of the most difficult in taxonomy. Fortunately, the question is one of nomenclature only, for the real origin and relation of the various forms admit in no case of serious question.

In the same paper Dr. Meek describes new garter snakes from the same region as *Thamnophis leptocephalus olympia* and *Thamnophis rubrostriatus.*

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Fishes of the Revillagigedos. — In the *Report of the U. S. Fish Commission* for 1898, Dr. Jordan and Mr. R. C. McGregor give a list of the fishes taken by Mr. McGregor on the cruise of the *Wahlberg* about the Revillagigedos, off the west coast of Mexico.

The interesting feature of the collection is the large number of